

TASK 3

Read the text and complete the gaps with a word from the options given below. Number 0 has been completed as an example.

(Marking: 6 x 1 = 6 points)

The Price of Being Single

If you listen to politicians and certain parts of the media, you'd **0** _____ that only "hardworking families" were affected by the rising **1** _____, hikes in energy bills and extortionate housing costs. If you dare to live alone you don't get a mention.

But, contrary to popular belief, being romantically unattached and child free isn't cheap. Arguably, single people contribute more to society than everyone else, but get less back **2** _____ tax credits, child benefit and tax breaks.

Worse still, single people are penalised in numerous ways, some more obvious than others. Of course it costs more to live alone rather than **3** _____ the cost of a mortgage or rent and bills with a partner. But singles also pay more than couples for everything, from flights to insurance.

If you are **4** _____ to fork out your hard-earned cash for a seat at the theatre, you would think the box office would be keen to accept your money – but think again. Some **5** _____ and ticketing websites refuse to sell single tickets to shows if all the remaining seats are in pairs.

Actor Matthew Field, 47, wanted to spend a Ticketmaster **6** _____ he received for his birthday on a solo trip to see "*The Cripple of Inishmaan*" at the Noel Coward Theatre in London's West End earlier this year. But when he tried to buy a ticket for the play, which starred Harry Potter actor Daniel Radcliffe, Ticketmaster refused his custom as all the available seats were in pairs. Field says: "I complained and Ticketmaster was dismissive and blamed the theatre. I felt disappointed, angry and frustrated. The tickets were advertised as single tickets, so I feel discriminated against as a single person because I wasn't allowed to buy one."

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A	B	C	D
0 come up with	<u>get the impression</u>	make out	suppose
1 costs of life	cost of living	price of life	standard of life
2 as far as	by and large	instead of	in terms of
3 cutting	shrinking	splitting	tearing
4 disposed	intended	thankful	willing
5 locations	showrooms	stages	venues
6 gift receipt	gift voucher	present card	present ticket

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TASK 1

TITANIC VIOLIN FETCHES £900,000 RECORD PRICE

0	<i>Auction</i>
1	Along
2	Memorabilia
3	Crockery

4	Bidding
5	Fellow
6	Strapped
7	Viewed

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TASK 2

ARE YOU A TOURIST OR A TRAVELLER?

0	c
1	b
2	a
3	b

4	a
5	a
6	c
7	a

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TASK 3

THE PRICE OF BEING SINGLE

0	B
1	B
2	D
3	C

4	D
5	D
6	B

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